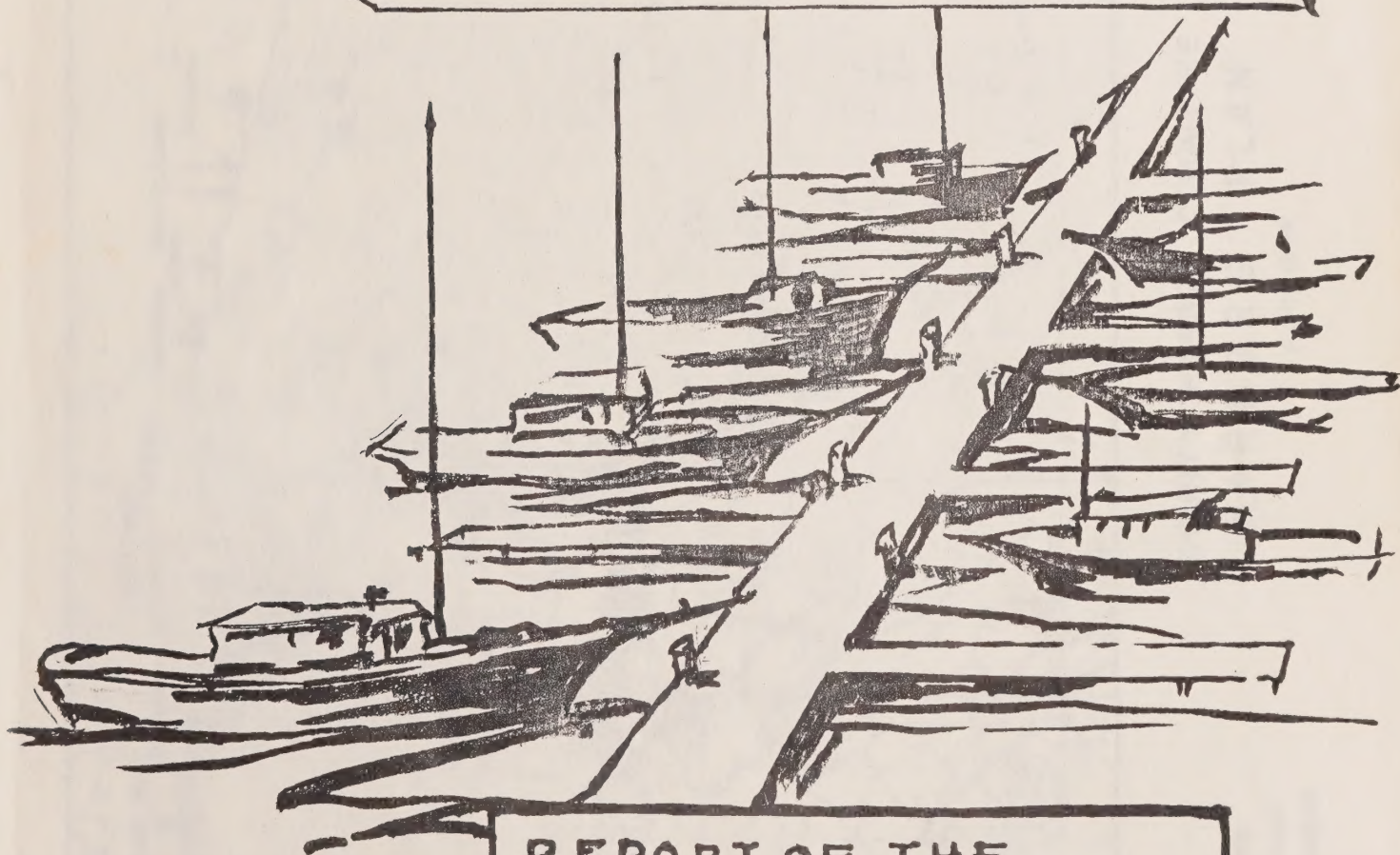


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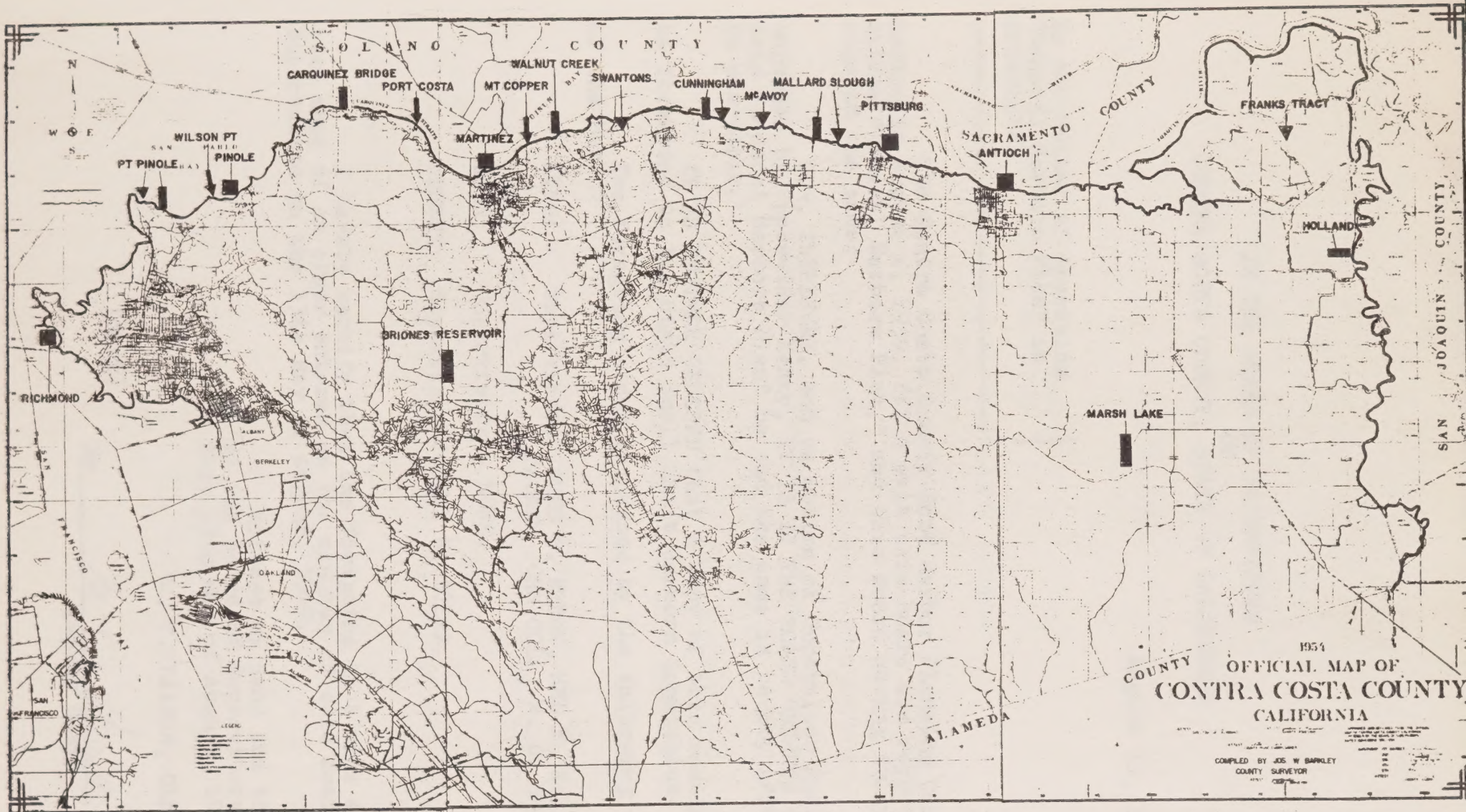
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IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

August 13, 1959

In the Matter of Approving)
"General Harbors Plan" in)
principle.)

The Contra Costa County Boat Harbor Planning Committee having on August 4, 1959, filed with this Board its report entitled "General Harbors Plan," and this Board having fully considered the same;

NOW, THEREFORE, and on motion of Supervisor Nielsen, seconded by Supervisor Kenny, IT IS BY THE BOARD ORDERED that said "General Harbors Plan" be and the same is hereby APPROVED in principle.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the State Small Craft Harbors Commission.

The foregoing order is passed by the following vote of the Board:

AYES: Supervisors JAMES P. KENNY, MEL F. NIELSEN,
THOMAS JOHN COLL, W. G. BUCHANAN.

NOES: Supervisors - NONE.

ABSENT: Supervisor JOSEPH S. SILVA.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an order entered on the minutes of said Board of Supervisors on the 13th day of August, 1959.

Witness my hand and the Seal
of the Board of Supervisors affixed
this 13th day of August, 1959.

W. T. PAASCH, CLERK

(Seal)

By W. A. Smith,
Deputy Clerk

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
BOAT HARBOR PLANNING COMMITTEE

July 31, 1959

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

ATTENTION: HONORABLE WARREN G. BUCHANAN, CHAIRMAN

Gentlemen:

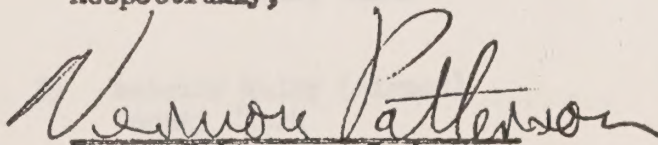
Herewith is a report on the General Harbors Plan for Contra Costa County. We take pleasure in submitting it to you for your consideration, as directed in the Board Order of January 13, 1959.

The committee studied the harbors problem with enthusiasm; for all members felt that the General Harbor Plan would alleviate the crowded conditions now prevailing and bring added revenue to the county.

We have relied heavily on the Preliminary Report on Small Craft Harbors issued in 1956 by the County Planning Department for guidance in the preparation of the General Harbors Plan.

We await your comments and any directives you may wish to send to us for action.

Respectfully,


Vernon Patterson, Chairman
The County Harbor Planning Committee

COPY OF BOARD ORDER ESTABLISHING

BOAT HARBOR PLANNING COMMITTEE

May 27, 1958.

In the Matter of
Appointment of Boat Harbor
Planning Committee.

Chairman Goyak appointed the following to serve on the Boat Harbor Planning Committee:

One representative from the Pittsburg industrial group;

One representative from the Richmond industrial group;

A representative of each waterfront city;

The County Planning Director Thomas G. Heaton;

Ralfe D. Miller, Chairman of the County Park Commission;

The secretary of the committee appointed March 18, 1958,
by this Board to study requests for allocation of portion of
taxes collected on small boats;

Supervisor Mel F. Nielsen.

Chairman Goyak then named Planning Director Heaton Chairman pro tem of the Boat Harbor Planning Committee, and directed him to arrange for the first meeting of the committee.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an order entered on the minutes of said Board of Supervisors on the date aforesaid.

cc. Planning Director
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Witness my hand and the Seal
of the Board of Supervisors affixed
this 27th day of May, 1958.

W. T. PAASCH, CLERK

By Natalie Welby (signed)
Deputy Clerk

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May 27, 1954

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I hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of
an order entered in the House of Representatives on the day
above

Witness my hand and the Seal
of the House of Representatives
this 27th day of May, 1954.

at Washington, D.C.
May 27, 1954

W. L. RAYMOND, CLERK

By: (Signature)
Clerk of the House

MEMBERSHIP OF
BOAT HARBOR PLANNING COMMITTEE

Mr. Vernon R. Axelson
Orinda, California

Mr. Bob McHugh
Brentwood, California

Mr. Charles Brasher
Bethel Island, California

Mr. Ralfe Miller
Chairman, County Park Commission

Mr. Bill Drake
Canyon, California

Mr. Earl Moulton
Richmond, California

Mr. Ward Fagerberg
Pinole, California

Supervisor Mel Nielsen
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Mr. Anthony Ferriera
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Director of Planning

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Martinez, California

Mr. Tony Lagisa
Lafayette, California

Mr. Ray Van Tassell
Alamo, California

Mr. John Logunetz
Pittsburg, California

Mr. Ray J. Thayer
County Planning Department

This report prepared by the County Planning Commission at request of
the Harbor Planning Committee

COPY OF BOARD ORDER ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF

BOAT HARBOR PLANNING COMMITTEE

January 13, 1959

Mr. Thomas G. Heaton, Chairman of the County Boat Harbor Planning Committee, appears before this Board and presents the following recommendations:

1. That the County Administration study further the feasibility of the installation of several launching ramps of minimum expense located to serve also as harbors of refuge along the water front;
2. That the County Administration consider the development of an extensive small craft harbor at the present McAvoy location, near Shore Acres about four miles west of Pittsburg;
3. That the District Attorney prepare a County boating ordinance for this Board's consideration;
4. That proper directional signs, danger signals and markers be installed where needed along the County's water front and waterways by the U. S. Corps of Engineers.

Other persons who appear before the Board on behalf of the proposed recommendations of the Boat Harbor Planning Committee are:

Mr. Bill Rice, Engineer;
Mr. James McCormick of the California Conservation News;
Mr. Raymond Van Tassell;

and this Board having considered said recommendations;

NOW, THEREFORE, and on motion of Supervisor Nielsen, seconded by Supervisor Kenny, IT IS BY THE BOARD ORDERED that said recommendations be and the same are hereby approved.

IT IS BY THE BOARD FURTHER ORDERED that Supervisor Mel F. Nielsen be and he is hereby authorized to appear before the U. S. Corps of Engineers on January 16, 1959, in the City Council Chambers, Martinez, California, to present the foregoing recommendations to said Corps of Engineers.

The foregoing order is passed by the unanimous vote of the Board.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an order entered on the minutes of said Board of Supervisors on the date aforesaid.

cc. Mr. Thomas G. Heaton
Supervisor Nielsen
Administrator
District Attorney

Witness my hand and the Seal
of the Board of Supervisors affixed
this 13th day of January, 1959.

W. T. PAASCH, CLERK

By Natalie Welby (signed)
Deputy Clerk

LETTER OF INTENT TO RECOMMENDATION OF

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

January 15, 1957

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P R E S E N T C O N D I T I O N

The Committee has found that the need for expanding boating facilities of all kinds still exists and in an even greater degree than previous surveys have reported. The sale of boats of all kinds and accessories has increased during the time the Committee has been evaluating available surveys of boating activity within the county.

Boating is now the number one family recreational activity throughout the country, this can be found to be true, by noting the various articles on the growth of boating in newspapers of wide circulation and in popular magazines of recent issue.

The Committee has previously reported on the assets this county offers for the development of boating facilities, it is felt that these should be apparent to everyone. If we do not plan and provide for these local facilities, we lose revenue to other water areas where people will go for recreation. It is hoped also that this committee's surveys and recommendation will be of interest to and value to all groups interested in boating whether private or public interest. The boating activity will continue to grow, this committee's report proposes a program for the development of boating facilities to parallel and meet the needs of this growth.

Reference to some recent reports with some bearing on recreational boating has been of value to the Committee.

The first of these is the Master Plan of Small Craft Harbors issued by the Division of Small Craft Harbors. Here we find the following observations on the State Harbors programs.

"BOATING ACTIVITIES IN CALIFORNIA

The phenomenal increase in recreational boating throughout the United States has been felt in California as well. Estimates by the National Association of Engine and Boat Manufacturers and Outboard Boating Club of America indicate that in 1957 there were 7,071,000 boats in the United States and total expenditures for boats, repairs, dockage, etc., amounted to \$1,912,000,000. ...

Reports reaching the division all indicate that facilities for moorage and handling the existing boats are far from adequate. In some instances boat sales are contingent upon the seller providing a moorage. The popularity of boat trailers is due not only to the mobility it offers the boaters but also to the lack of moorage space. The boat owner must keep his craft some place and the only space available is his garage."

"Recreational fishing is probably the greatest single contributor to the interest in boating. It is interesting to note that surveys of the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta areas show that the greatest boating activity takes place during the fishing seasons which occur during the season of the least favorable weather.

State-wide interest in fishing is indicated by a report from one fishing area along the northern coast stating that on one occasion over 60% of the fishermen utilizing the recreational waters were from south of the Tehachapi Mountains, a distance of over 500 miles.

The Department of Fish and Game is on record as being in favor of the development of the state's small craft harbors. The recreational fisherman will benefit as more facilities are provided and as access to the fishing grounds is increased. Facilities along the coast and adjacent waterways which will attract fishermen who normally try their luck in the mountain streams will help relieve the state's economic burden of planting fish."

"Inland Waterways. Problems involving current, silting, and large changes in water level are characteristic of inland waterways. Wave action and floating debris can cause damage and need to be considered. Water level fluctuations may vary between seven feet in tidal waterways to twenty-five feet in inland rivers and as much as sixty feet in reservoirs. Rarely, however, are the protective works or the maintenance of small craft harbors in the inland waterways as expensive as those of the coast waters."

In another survey, a report issued by the Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army, entitled Navigation Report, Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta March 1958. The Committee noted the estimated boat population now from their actual

The Department continues to maintain its position as the United States and other countries in the world. The Department is also active in the field of international relations and is working to improve the relations between the United States and other countries. The Department is also working to improve the relations between the United States and other countries.

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field survey in 1957, and the projected boat population in 1982. This was noted on waterways which may be affected by the Blomond Plan. Projected 1982 peak totals of boats on the waterways was 7,850. The 1957 survey observes 4,096 as the peak use. The report also states that within the Delta area public facilities are nonexistent. This report on its charts shows four suggested sites, aquatic Parks sites, along the Old River within the limits of Contra Costa County.

Both of the above reports are available in the files of the County Planning Office.

Other reports of recent and local issue studied by the Committee is the Martinez Small Craft Harbor Feasibility Report. Martinez is the prime project on the County Boat Harbor Plan which this report presents. We found this report to be a fine presentation of the required information to evaluate a harbor project. It could well serve as a model for the other county projects to follow. The Martinez Harbor when completed we believe will have a great impact on the future development along the City of Martinez waterfront--such as attracting other recreational activities and Aquatic Park development.

The City of Pittsburg is in the process of planning a harbor and is doing so with the cooperation of the Small Craft Harbor Committee.

COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

This Committee has called regular monthly meetings to consider the county harbors problem. It has also held study sessions which it was felt were needed to ease the agenda of the regular meetings.

In January, after due consideration it was felt that some deter-

mination had been arrived at and these which could be formulated into a set of recommendations which were presented to the Board of Supervisors. The Board endorsed these recommendations and issued an order that the Committee continue further study with these and prepare a general plan for harbors development in the county.

The Committee has been concerned also with legislation relating to the improvement of recreational boating; especially A.B. 349 and A.B. 286.

To report on the Committee activities further, the Committee meetings have been concerned with joint discussion with the representatives of the 12th Coast Guard District regarding boating and safety regulations. This meeting was of value in the Committee proceedings.

At another meeting the Director of the Wildlife Conservation Board, Mr. Everett Horn, was invited to attend and present the policy of the Board relative to the installation of fishing access ramps and their requirements. Director Horn offered the advice of his office to the Committee regarding the suitability of sites which may be under survey within the county. Mr. Horn suggested that it would be expedient for the Committee to file with the Board its findings on recommended fishing access sites so that they might be put before the Directors of the Board for state evaluation.

Mr. Horn's statements are part of the minutes of the March 18th meeting and we believe would be of interest to anyone concerned with this problem.

Recently as requested in the Board of Supervisors' Order of January 9th, the committee contacted neighboring counties concerned with the Delta, they were requested to send delegations to meet with this committee and discuss mutual boating problems and regulations. All the Counties contacted

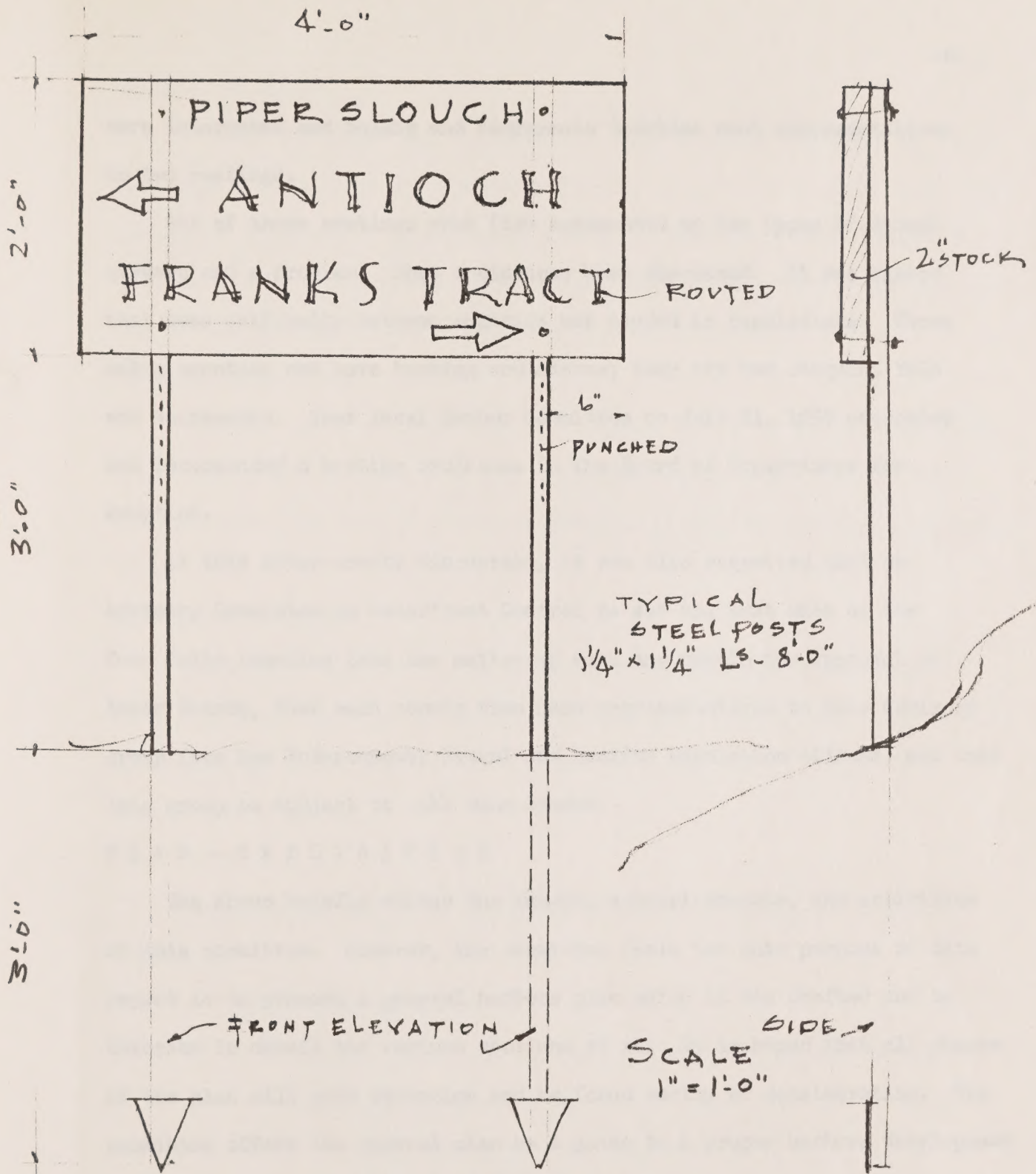
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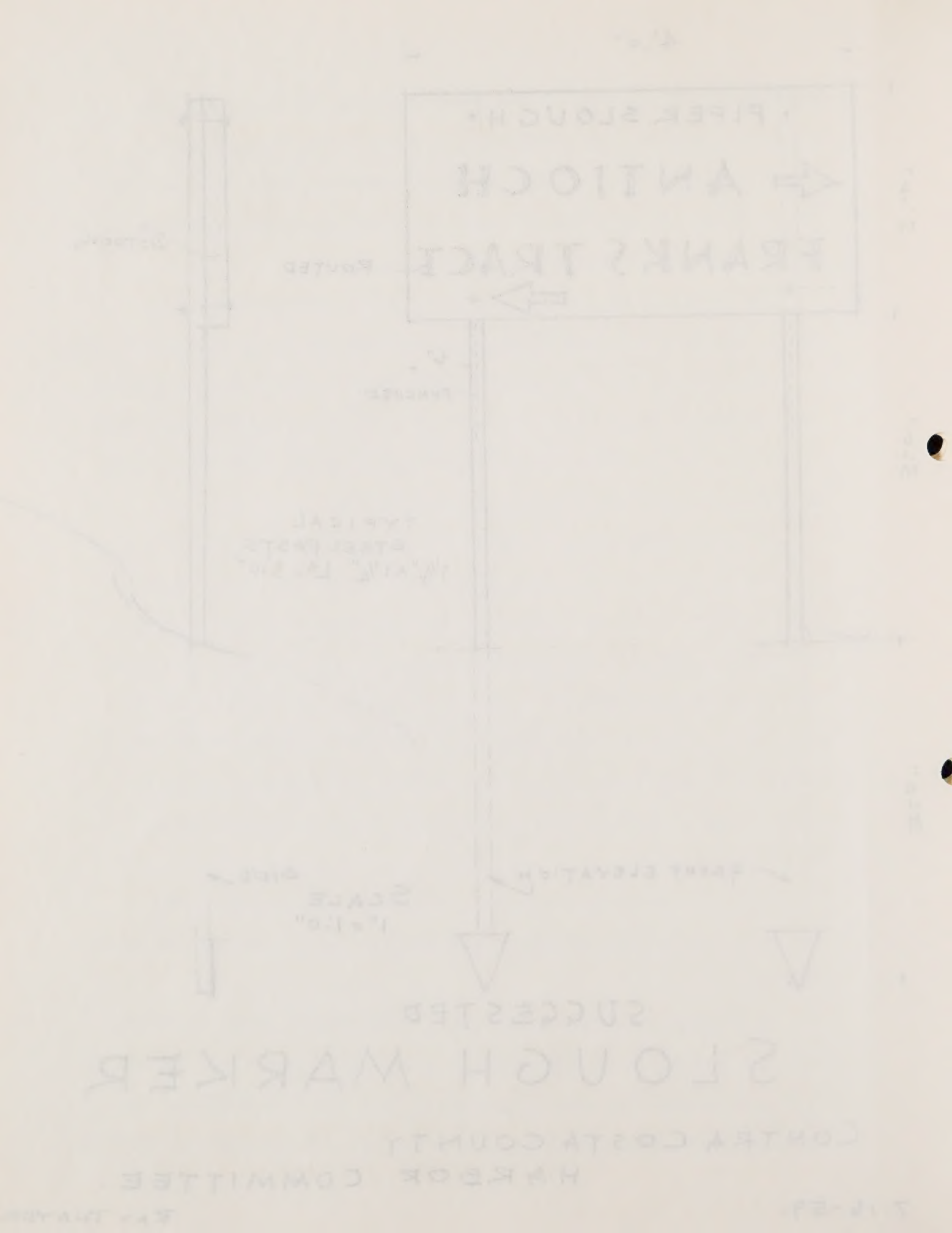


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were interested and Solano and Sacramento Counties sent representatives to two meetings.

Out of these meetings came firm agreements on the types of slough markers and a program. Boat ordinances were discussed. It was agreed that some uniformity between counties was needed in regulations. Three Delta counties now have boating ordinances; they are San Joaquin, Yolo and Sacramento. Your local Harbor Committee on July 21, 1959 presented and recommended a boating ordinance to the Board of Supervisors for adoption.

At this inter-county discussion, it was also suggested that an Advisory Committee on Waterfront Control be set up, that each of the four Delta counties take the matter up with and obtain the approval of their Boards, that each county then name representatives to this Advisory group from Law Enforcement, Patrol and Boating Regulation offices, and that this group be subject to call when needed.

PLAN -- EXPLANATION

The above briefly states the intent, accomplishments, and activities of this committee. However, the committee feels the main purpose of this report is to present a general harbors plan which it has drafted and to describe in detail the various sections of it. It is hoped that all phases of the plan will gain attention and be found worthy of consideration. The committee offers the general plan as a guide to a proper harbors development program for the County of Contra Costa.

Therefore, the Harbor Committee is pleased to present the following proposals which make up its general Harbors Plan.

These proposals were determined on the three basic elements of the plan, they are: Harbors of Refuge; Fishing Access Ramps; Small Craft Harbors (City or County).

HARBORS OF REFUGE

Harbors of Refuge were considered a safety factor. Because of sudden and high winds within the Straits and Delta, boats of all types could find refuge in these ports during rough weather. Only simple development is proposed, some dredging and storm walls. These are spaced on the plan to serve boating when no other public or private harbors are in reach.

FISHING ACCESS RAMPS

Fishing access ramps to the fine fishing waters of this county should be provided for the public to end the present congestion. These should furnish space for auto and trailer parking, as well as boat launching facilities.

SMALL CRAFT HARBORS

Small Craft Harbors for public use and access. These would furnish the additional berthage and boat facilities so greatly needed. The advice and services of the Small Craft Harbors Commission to be requested on these Plan proposals.

LOCATIONS

Proposed locations for the elements listed above and shown on the plan are:

Harbors of refuge at

Wilson Point west of the City of Pinole on San Pablo Bay.

Port Costa, near the old ferry slip. This would require very little work to complete.

Mountain Copper, just west of the S. P. Railroad bridge.

The entrance to a slough could be dredged to furnish needed refuge.

All the above locations are accessible from main county roads in the event that land transportation might be needed.

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The Coast Guard, when asked for an opinion on the type and location of these refuge harbors strongly favored any efforts directed at providing additional protection and assistance, such as harbors of refuge, to those who utilize the waterways.

The Committee suggests that the Army Corps of Engineers be approached for advice and assistance in accomplishing these projects.

Fishing access ramps are proposed at the following locations:

Pt. Pinola on the eastern side of this broad point of land jutting into San Pablo Bay.

Carquinez Bridge. The area proposed is west of the present boat harbor.

Walnut Creek as it enters into Suisun Bay. This channel is to be dredged and widened under the flood control measures which are awaiting approval. The dykes along the channel could be used for approach roads to the ramps from the Port Chicago highway.

Cunningham Ranch offers excellent opportunities for fishing access facilities. The location is just east of the Naval Depot. Some years ago it served as a harbor for fishing craft; it is now abandoned.

Mallard Slough, west of Pittsburg is proposed as a site because of the various opportunities it offers for developments of the kind here proposed.

Marsh Creek Lake is another Flood Control proposal, in the event that this area is developed into a fresh water recreation area, it is strongly urged by this Committee that a fishing access ramp be installed. This location

The first group, which asked for an opinion on the type and location of these relief projects, was also asked to indicate the number of projects additional protection and assistance, such as training, to those who receive the assistance.

The Committee suggests that the Army Corps of Engineers be requested to study and report on the feasibility of such projects.

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is about three miles southwest of Brentwood.

Briones Reservoir and Dam are now being built. The location is in Briones Valley north of Lafayette and Orinda. The lake surface is to be over 500 acres in extent. We propose a fishing ramp near the upper end of this lake, near the Briones Hills County Park.

Holland Tract in the extreme eastern edge of the county and three miles from Knightsen, would make a fine location to enter the Old River slough area.

The costs of these access ramps has not been estimated as yet. We are proposing that the Wildlife Conservation Board be asked for help in this program.

Small Craft Harbor locations which are recommended for county interest are:

Swanton's Harbor east of Avon, important because of its ready accessibility from the Port Chicago Highway.

The McAvoy-Harris and the Harbors north of Shore Acres have top priority at present with the Committee. Special studies and plans have been made of this facility. These have served to strengthen our recommendation. The McAvoy Harbor is on the Small Craft Harbors Commission priority list also.

Pt. Pinole offers fine opportunities for the location of recreational boating facilities. We are sure further study would bear this out. We recommend further study be made.

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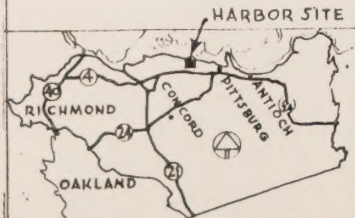
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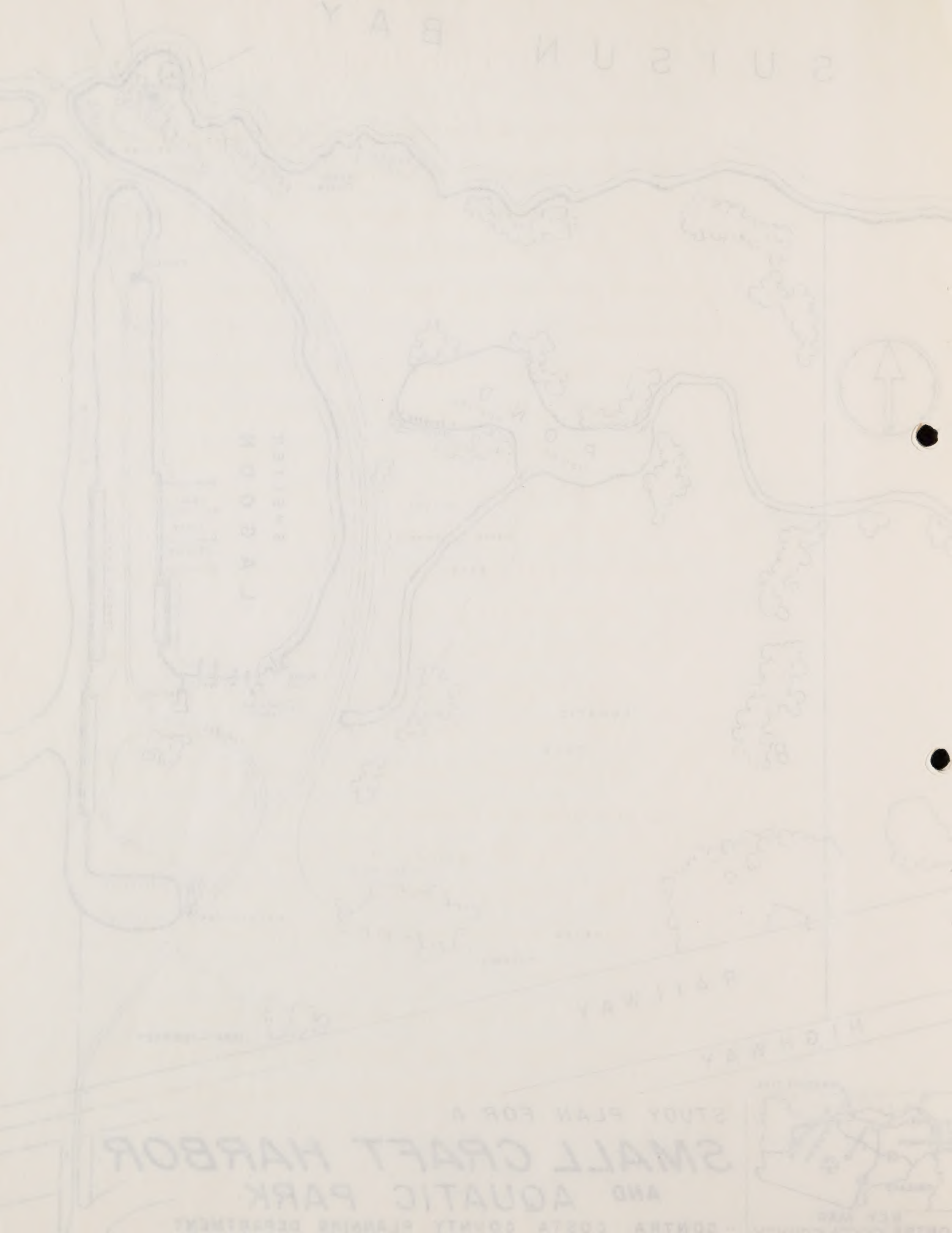


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STUDY PLAN FOR A **SMALL CRAFT HARBOR AND AQUATIC PARK**

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Mallard Slough, west of Pittsburg, a large slough area with fine potential for a harbor.

Cummingham's Landing, because of its former use as a harbor could be developed economically.

Small Craft Harbors of city interest are in various stages of development and promotion.

City of Pittsburg has planning under way for an extensive harbor on its waterfront. This planning is in cooperation with the Small Craft Harbors Commission.

City of Antioch has filed a request for planning funds with the Small Craft Harbors Commission.

Pinole officials are studying the feasibility of a harbor development on San Pablo Bay.

Martinez has been granted funds for construction of a harbor.

Detailed plans are to be completed and contracts will be let for the construction of this needed facility.

The Committee has been pleased to note this fine example of cooperative planning for progress.

City of Richmond has several harbor sites in consideration.

The Committee recommends action in this vicinity.

Surveys show that facilities are needed at the city's waterfront.

Franks Tract. The Committee has noted with interest the State program for the acquisition of this fine recreation area for a State Park. The Committee recommends that

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SACRAMENTO
RIVER

PROPOSED SITE
FOR
SMALL CRAFT HARBOR

EXISTING
BOAT HARBOR

BOAT HARBOR

SHORE ACRES

HWY.

PORT CHICAGO

A. T. & S. F.
SANTA FE

R.R.

R.R.

WILLOW

PASS

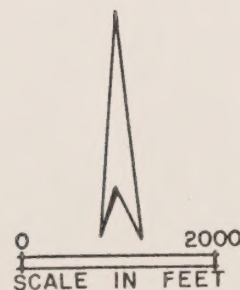
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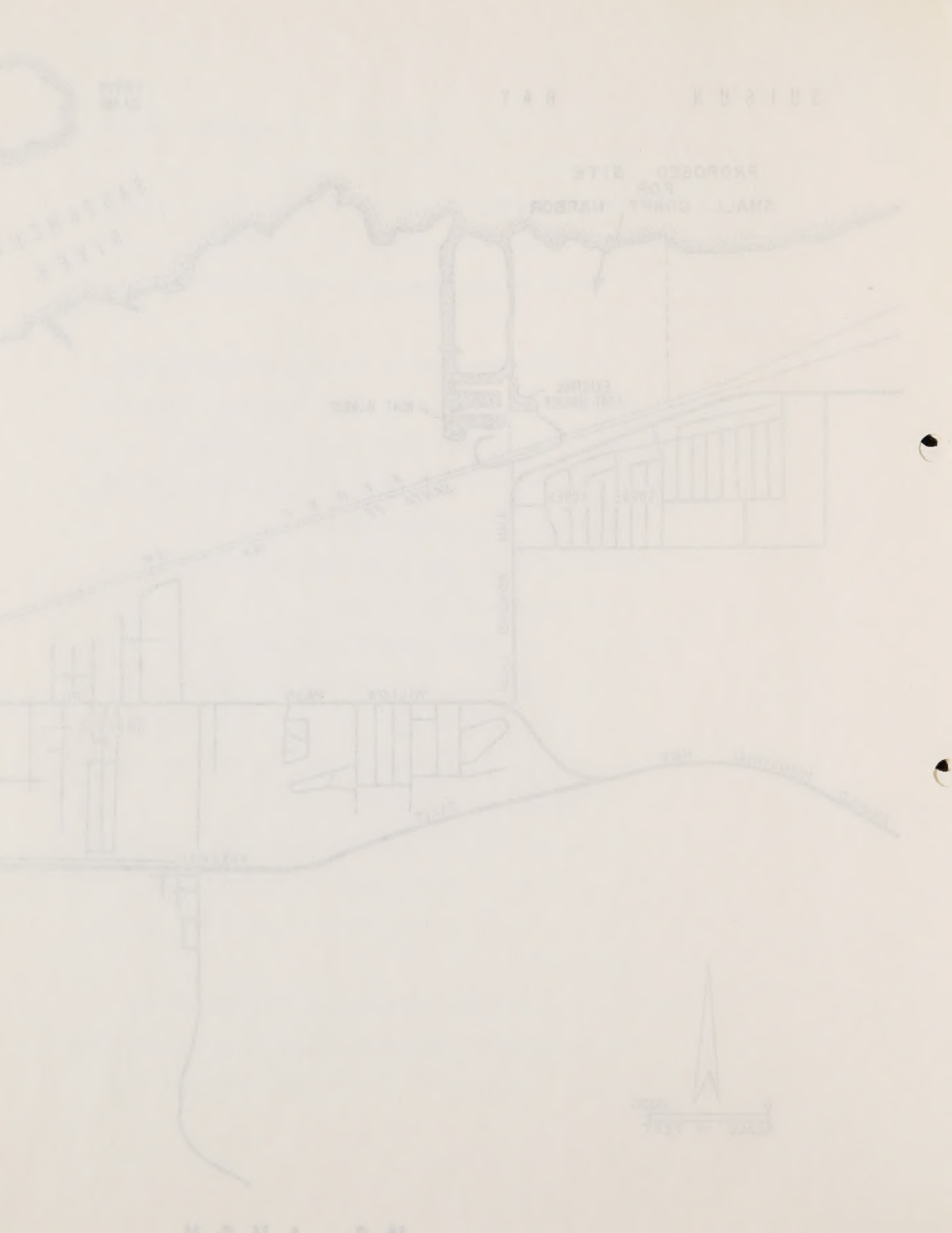
ARNOLD INDUSTRIAL HWY.

STATE

FREEWAY



MC AVOY



the land area involved be studied for a possible small craft harbor to facilitate boating in this well used area.

In conclusion, the above recommendations make up the General Harbors Plan to the present. The Committee, however, feels that the Plan serving as a guide, should merit further study. This is what is proposed for the next step in securing a full and comprehensive development of the recreational resources of Contra Costa County's waterfront.

The last time I visited the station for a number of years
was about 1910. I remember the station as it was then.
In connection with the station, I remember the
time to the present. The last time I was there was
at a public meeting held at the station. This is what I
want to mention a little and a general statement of the
situation of the station at the present.

SAN PABLO
BAY

PROPOSED SITE
FOR
SMALL CRAFT HARBOR

EXISTING SHORELINE

SOUTHERN
PACIFIC
R.R.

HAZEL
ST.

ST.

AVE.

ATCHINSON

TOPEKA

AVE.

ROBEL

PRIMROSE
LN.

BUENA VISTA DR.
BUENA VISTA

THIRD ST.

SANTA
FE

R.R.

CHARLES

RAFAELA

SAMUEL ST.

PEAR

PLUM

TENNENT

FERNANDEZ

ST.

ST.

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U.S.
HIGHWAY

SMITH

SECOND AVE.
FIRST AVE.

PINOLE

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